declared as an Armed Force by the Act by which it is created would be one such Armed Force.

People asked to prove citzenship in Assam

3020. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people who have been asked to prove their citizenship in Assam till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what was the criteria laid down by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government are aware that in the names of foreigner, the people of Assam belonging to minority communities are being harassed; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to protect them from further harassment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Under Section 6A(2) of the Citizenship Act, 1955 persons of Indian origin who arrived in State of Assam before 1st January, 1966 and who have been ordinarily resident in Assam since the dates of their entry shall be deemed to be the citizens of India from 1st January, 1966.

Persons or Indian origin who came to Assam on or after 1st January, 1966 but before 25th March, 1971 and have been ordinarily resident in Assam since then and have been detected as foreigners are covered by Section 6A(3) and have to register themselves with the registering authority. Cases of such persons have to be referred for the opinion of the Tribunal as regards their status. As per imformation received from the Government of Assam, upto the end of June; 1986; in such cases 16,757 enquiries were initiated and out of these 678 enquiries had been completed and referred to the Foreigners Tribunals.

(c) and (d) There have been complaints of large scale harassment of minorities in the name of detection. Central Government have also received reports of indiscriminate issue of notices by police in Cachar and Karimganj districts including to some members of well known families residing for generations asking them to prove their citizenship. These complaints/ reports have been referred to the State Government for appropriate remedial action.

Construction of the Post Office building in Mangaldai, Assam

3021. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had purchased a plot of ten bighas at the cost of Rs. 3 lakhs 40 thousands at Mangaldai in Assam for construction of a post office building;

(b) whether construction of the said building had not been taken up till October, 1986, and even the wall around the plot gives way due to defective construction; and

(c) whether officers from the Head Office of the Postal circle pay regular visits to the site but have failed to do anything in this regard even after the lapse of more than three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. A plot of land measuring ten bighas was purchased from Government of Assam at Mangaldai in May, 1985 at a cost of Rs 3,39,067.50.

(b) and (c) Brick work for the boundary wall has been completed. RCC pillars and barbed wire are under construction.

After completion of preliminary formalities like drawings, estimates, etc. construction of the post office building will be commenced subject to availability of funds.

Cancellation of programme of Calcutta Doordarshan

3022. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a regional programme in Bengali produced by Doordarshan Kendra, Calcutta scheduled to be telecast on National Network programme on 7-11-1986 had to be cancelled; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As Doordarshan Kendra, Calcutta could not complete the programme due to other commitments, the same could not be telecast as per schedule.

Escape of Vaidya Killer to Pakistan

3023. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the persons who had planned the killing of General Vaidya has gone over to Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to extradite him from Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) There is no information in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

Social forestry in Andhra Pradesh

3024. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state:

(a) what is the actual area covered by the Social forestry in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether there is any proposal with the Government to develop Social forestry in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(d) what are the names of district covered under the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c) The Social forestry programme generally covers all districts of Andhra Pradesh. The Action Plan given in the enclosed statement-I (*See* below).

(d) Details are given in the enclosed statement-II.

Statement

Action Plan for Development of Wastelands

1. *Identification of Wastelands*:

The State Government/U. Ts. have been requested to identify wastelands in their territories, whether they be in forest area, revenue/common lands or degraded farmlands.

2. *People's Involvement*:

This will be ensured by the following measures:

(a) Decentralised Nurseries: People, Nurseries i.e. Kisans, schools, women, youth groups, voluntary agencies etc. will be motivated to meet the increased demand for seedlings.

(b) Farm Forestry: Farmers will be motivated to take up tree farming on their